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OXFORD NEWCOMERS *and Friends*



Welcome, September! Now, if the dog days of summer would just curl up somewhere and let fall get started while ONC&F does its virtual thing...

Lots of fun this month. **Reading Faulkner** is back!! We have a great **Educational Program** lined up that'll have your heads in the clouds. **Women's Coffee** meets

this Friday, and there will be lots of chances to discuss great reads during the month. We hope you've had a chance to check out our long-awaited membership directory (let us know of any needed corrections or revisions – we'll work hard to keep everything up to date).

Starting off the month on a positive note, ONC&F encourages members to embrace **Five on the Five**. On Saturday, September 5th, reach out and call five people to say hello and see that they are well and doing okay. The recommendation for September? Your five life cheerleaders! If you participate in social media, you can post a selfie with five fingers widespread when you've completed your calls and use #5onthe5 to promote the endeavor. To read more about this monthly personal connection challenge, visit the website www.5onthe5.com Who have you been thinking about lately? Do they know?

SHOW YOU CARE – SEND A CARD! Eddie Clinton, past president of ONC&F, has been in the hospital for almost a month due to ongoing health issues. He was out briefly in a move to a rehab facility but now finds himself back at the hospital. Eddie's wife Carol says he would love to receive notes or cards – it would cheer him up tremendously! Please send cards to Eddie at home: 211 Timber Lane, Oxford, MS 38655. Carol will see that he gets them.

BETTER READ THAN DEAD will meet via Zoom on Thursday, September 24th at 2:00 pm. The book for discussion will be *The Reunion* by Ted C. C. Odom. A child's toy is discovered in the home of a classmate, a silly pink swan float last seen with a small child on the day she was discovered dead 40 years earlier. Had the classmate had a hand in her death? Was the tragic accident really a murder? Amelia had to find out because the small child was her little sister. A fun read. Zoom coordinator Cathy Williamson will send out the link prior to the meeting. All are welcome! If you would like to join in, just email chair Nancy Muller at maytarie@att.net and she will be sure you get the link.

BOOK CHAT is a traditional book club alternative where participants chat once a month on the last Tuesday at 10:00 am to share whatever they have recently read or would like to suggest for others, be it fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or drama. All book lovers are invited; the goal is to encourage each other in our reading adventures. You can discuss recent and favorite books or just listen in for recommendations. Please join us on Tuesday, September 29th and share a favorite read! Click [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting or by going to the Zoom website (<https://Zoom.us>) and entering the meeting ID: 680 808 8404. Questions? Contact Debra Guyton at debraguyton@bellsouth.net

BOOK CLUB ONE: September's book selection is *People of the Book* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks. This *New York Times* bestselling novel was inspired by the survival of a rare illuminated manuscript through centuries of exile and war. Book Club One will meet on Zoom on Thursday, September 17th (our customary third Thursday of the month) at 2:00 p.m. Click [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting, or connect by going to the Zoom website (<https://Zoom.us>) and entering the meeting ID: 680 808 8404. All Newcomers and friends are welcome! Chair: Debra Guyton, (251) 490-6690 or debraguyton@bellsouth.net

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: Please join us at 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 23rd for our next Educational Program, *Flights of Fancy* with pilot Byron Ellis. A native Oxonian, Byron was commissioned in the US Marine Corps upon graduation from Ole Miss and earned his Naval Aviator wings at the Naval Air Training Command in Pensacola, where he later returned as an instructor. From the A-6 "Intruder" to B727s and DC9s for Eastern Air Lines to the MD-11 and a lengthy career with FedEx, Byron's insights on how air travel – domestic and international, commercial and military – has evolved are well grounded. Join us to learn about the highlights of a lifetime spent in the clouds, including what we might expect in future air navigation systems. You won't want to miss it! Mark your calendars now, and watch the next ONC&F update for the Zoom link. Program questions? Contact Chair Don Mason, dmason222@gmail.com

READING FAULKNER will resume via Zoom on Monday, September 14th, at 4:00 pm. We will use this first session to get reacquainted (and meet some new members) as we conclude our discussion of *Light in August*. Our particular focus for this last discussion of the novel will be the role of the Reverend Gail Hightower, so be sure to review chapters 3, 4, 13, 16, 17, and 20 where he is central. For those of you who are new to our group, we usually spend two to three months on each novel that we study (we are focusing only on the Yoknapatawpha novels at this time). For our October 12th meeting, we'll discuss the new biography of William Faulkner, *The Saddest Words: William Faulkner's Civil War* by Michael Gorra, that comes out this week. For the November 9th meeting, we'll begin our discussion of *Go Down, Moses*. Click [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting, or connect by going to the Zoom website (<https://Zoom.us>) and entering the meeting ID: 680 808 8404. If you have questions about the group, please contact Dianne Fergusson at sdsferg@bellsouth.net

WOMEN'S COFFEE meets virtually twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Fridays. Join us this Friday, September 4th at 9:00 am, and again on September 18th, for conversation and community. It's so nice to sit and visit without having to leave the comfort of your kitchen or patio! Click [here](#) to join the Zoom meeting or connect by going to the Zoom website (<https://Zoom.us>) and entering the meeting ID: 862 6690 7639 and the passcode: talk
Chair: Nellanne Davis, nellanned@aol.com. Zoom questions? Contact Jonell McGivern, jonell52@att.net or (205) 937-2888

ONC&F SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Friday, Sept 4, **Women's Coffee** 9:00 am
Saturday, Sept 5, **Five on the Five**
Monday, Sept 7, Labor Day
Monday, Sept 14, **Reading Faulkner** 4:00 pm
Thursday, Sept 17, **Book Club One** 2:00 pm
Friday, Sept 18, **Women's Coffee** 9:00 am
Tuesday, Sept 22, Fall Begins!
Wednesday, Sept 23, **Educational Program** 10:00 am
Thursday, Sept 24, **Better Read Than Dead** 2:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept 29, **Book Chat** 10:00 am

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If you are symptom free but are over 60 years old; have asthma; heart disease; or diabetes; or are otherwise at risk, experts recommend following the most conservative response of self quarantine. The City of Oxford and Lafayette County are committed to making this easier for our community. Partnered with churches throughout Oxford and Lafayette County, we have set up a hotline that you can call to request assistance with grocery or prescription delivery, and to direct you to more information regarding COVID-19.

We are stronger together.

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